

Old Town Historical Committee
November 10, 2008
Monday

5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis,
Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Also, in attendance was
Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program),
Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
 NAYS:
 Motion carried.

Pended Items:

--Appoint a Vice Chair for the Committee

Mr. Deeds moved that Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry be the Vice Chair. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds,**
 NAYS:
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry abstained.
 Motion carried.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry will be Vice Chair of the Old Town Committee.

06-01 Interurban Building Update

The apparent low bidder has been sent a letter with a notice to proceed date. There are some contracts that need to go back and forth before they will get started.

Mr. Jarvis stated that there is a hand cart, wooden gate, and a door inside and asked if the Street Dept would remove them from the property so they are not damaged while the building is being renovated.

New Items for Discussion:

08-09 Benches for Downtown

Mr. Peoples brought in an example of the new benches. The current benches take 5 hours each annually to maintain. These new benches are made of a cedar-color composite. They match the pagoda and signs in the Village and are extremely durable.

Discussion ensued regarding the style of the benches and how well they fit in with the Historic downtown area. This will be taken in front of full Council.

08-10 Downtown Parking Enforcement on High Street

Bob Garvin stated that two businesses on High between Waterloo and Columbus Street are complaining that cars are parking in the spots in front of the businesses all day.

The possibility of a special construction parking permit was discussed, to be used in the instance where construction workers are parking in the street to have access to their tools.

Mr. Strayer brought up two possible solutions...

1. He would go around to each of the businesses and tell them to talk to their employees about not parking in front on the main street.
2. Talk to the Sheriff's office about enforcing the two hour parking laws. Monitor the number of tickets written for a couple months and make a decision based on those results.

Media could run an article notifying the residents of the upcoming stricter enforcement.

Mr. Jarvis added that there should be some flexibility for special situations, like construction.

Old Business:

Mr. Garrett stated that the downtown improvement grant program was funded by Heritage Ohio and the additional \$8000 was approved by the Village of Canal Winchester. Now the Mayor needs to create a committee to review the grant requests as they come in and for Old Town to determine when we should start the program; funds can be requested from the grant as soon as February 29th, 2009. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jarvis noted that in the property assessment of the property adjacent to Bolenbaugh's and boxed in by Waterloo and Trine, talks about wanting a multi-family, multi-story structure. Mr. Jarvis believes that would be a mistake for the area. He wants Staff to reconsider that recommendation.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush –Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**
 NAYS:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.